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Ex parte KENT MALMGREN, SHABIRA ABBAS, BENGT WIDBERG, ASA OSTMAN, and JEANETTE ANNERGREN

> Appeal No. 2006-0784 Application 09/651,130

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before FLEMING, Chief Administrative Patent Judge, HARKCOM, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge, and KRATZ, Administrative Patent Judge.

Per curiam.

On April 07, 2006, counsel for the appellants filed, inter alia, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 35 CFR \$ Pursuant to the notice entitled, "Request for Continued Examination Practice and Changes in Provisional Application Practice, " 65 Fed. Reg. 50092, 50095 (Aug. 16, 2000), and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.114(d), a request for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 filed after appeal has been

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taken, but prior to a decision on appeal, "will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner."

Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

DISMISSED

Michael R. Fleming, Chief Administrative Patent Judge

CARY V. HARKCOM, Vice Chief

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PETER F. KRATZ

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